

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 9 as follows to correct a typographical error:

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9. (Amended) In an RF communications network having a communication channel, an access point and a portable data collection terminal, wherein the portable data collection terminal having a transceiver which may be selectively powered up or down to conserve energy, a method used by the portable data collection terminal for gaining access to the communication network, comprising the steps:

- (a) powering up the transceiver;
- (b) sensing the communication channel for a first predetermined time;
- (c) if during the sensing of the communication channel the channel remained clear, transmitting to the access point; and
- (d) if during the sensing of the communication channel the channel did not remain clear, waiting for a second predetermined time, and branching to step (b).--

REMARKS

Pursuant to section 1 at page 2 of the Official Action of 7/5/01, Applicant is proposing by the amendment to claim 9 to add "channel" at the end of line 12 of the original claim.

Applicant also proposes to update the Incorporation By Reference section to show the present status of the referenced applications.

Attached hereto is marked-up version showing the changes made to the specification and claim 9 by the current amendment. The attached pages 5 and 6 are captioned "VERSION WITH MARKING TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."